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STOCKTON MAN SENTENCED TO 37 MONTH FOR POSSESSING STOLEN MAIL AND IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that MICHAEL SAWYER, 35, of Stockton, California, was sentenced yesterday by Senior United States District Judge Lawrence K. Karlton to 37 months in prison for possessing, among other things, stolen mail, credit cards, a credit card reader, a laptop computer, convenience and blank checks. He was also sentenced to a 3-year term of supervised release and ordered to make restitution to the crime victims. This resolution follows the defendant's plea of guilty to possession of stolen mail on July 31, 2007.

The case was investigated by the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Stockton Police Department, and San Joaquin County Sheriff's Office.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Robin R. Taylor who is prosecuting the case, the charge stemmed from two separate criminal arrests. On December 21, 2006, SAWYER was arrested by a Stockton police officer in Stockton, California after being found in a stolen car. After providing a false identification, the officer arrested SAWYER for possessing stolen credit cards, checks, a credit card reader, a lap top computer, and stolen mail. Thereafter, on January 29, 2007, the defendant was arrested by San Joaquin sheriff's officers. Law enforcement recovered stolen mail, credit cards and numbers, identification documents, convenience checks, a small amount of methamphetamine, and tools.

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